

RFSC Board Meeting
Wednesday August 20, 2008
Austin Public Library @ 7:00 pm

Attendance: Tina Janning, Deb Stickney, Jill Hart, Jessica Jovaag, Christine Seppenau, Kathy Serratore

Motion to approve minutes: Jill motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Christine. Carried.

Treasurer report: Christine is now officially the new Treasurer. All information and documents have been handed down. Kathy and Tina need to go to the bank and be added to the account. Christine handed out a packet of financial information that all board members need to review for the next meeting. The purpose of this is to gain a history of the financial information of the Club and also so offer suggestions to manage or make the financial records more user friendly to the board and our members. Kathy S will be contacting a handful of our past skaters to collect on old bills. Motion was made by Deb to approve the treasurers report. Seconded by Jessica. Carried.

Committee Reports

Coaches Committee: Jill will have the coaches contracts back by October 5th. There is a new rule at US Figure Skating that states that a skater is not eligible to test unless their coach is in good standing with PSA.

Registration Committee: Tina and Deb have met and revised the registration for the fall. (See attached schedule) Deb will be sending a colorful postcard reminder to all skaters with the registration information. Kathy will send the roster to Christine who will make a label list and send it to Deb. Kathy will send Deb and Tina the Show Tryout Letters and Basic Skills helpers letters to be added to the packets. It was suggested that all the information be put into packets ahead of time with the skaters name attached. This would assure that each skater gets all the information needed. Registration dates are and Thur. Sept 25 from 4:00- 6:00 pm and Sunday, Sept. 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Ice Committee: The committee met this summer and made some changes in the ice schedule in order to keep the Club financially on track. The biggest change was taking Wednesday out of the schedule. It has become increasingly difficult to utilize the Wednesday ice time without significant financial losses to our Club. The committee also stress strongly that ice could be added back if enough skaters had the need to use the ice.

Show Committee: No Report – Committee needs to meet.

Event Committee: Kathy S. reported that the 4th of July Parade went GREAT! Lots of skaters handed out candy. Thanks to the parents who helped decorate. Thanks to Brenda & Jon Boyer for the use of the building to decorate. Thanks to Colleen Nelson for the use of their trailer.

Thanks to Paulette & Craig Long for pulling the float. T-shirts were ordered from Games People Play. There are some left over.

Riverside FSC Open House is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 4 – 10:30 – 12:00 noon. 7 and under 10:30-11:15 and 8 and over 11:15-12:00 noon. A slice of pizza and pop will be served after the session. Information needs to be attached to the Registration Information that goes to the schools.

Testing Committee: No Report – We need a replacement for Kelly Olson.

Strategic Planning Committee: No Report

Old Business:

Banners for the arenas – Kathy S. will call Kim at Park and Rec to see how to get the US Figure Skating Banner put up at Riverside Arena. Once we get this put up, we will pursue a Club Banner.

Advertising @ Mower County Fair - This did not happen this year. Kathy received feedback from about 2/3 of the board but not very many folks were able to commit to manning the booth so this was not done this year. Jessica spent time at the fair with a different group and felt that there was a good deal of traffic at the fair and this would be a good thing to pursue in the future.

Advertise Skating through the School - Tina will contact Tim Herman regarding how to advertise the skating events at the school.

Fundraiser: It was decided to go ahead with the Salt Drive Fundraiser. The money raised will go towards the cost of replacing the sound system at Packer Arena. Kathy will send a preliminary e-mail to those present this evening to preview a letter that will be sent to all members of the Club. The profit margin is \$1.75 a bag. \$1.25 of the profit per bag will go to the Club / \$.50 per bag will go to the individual skaters account to go toward skating registration. Jill will check with Paulette to see how to contact Applebees as a possible fundraiser.

New Business:

Sound System: We will continue to review our financial information and start to raise money via the salt drive fundraiser. We will take a vote next meeting on how to proceed.

Razz/Razzette - a committee of Jill, Tina, Jessica, Kathy S. and Kathy D. will be meeting on Aug 26th to come up with a plan on how to proceed.

Bingo Coordinator – need to find someone to replace Kelly Reed. We will be inviting all skaters to participate in this fundraiser. The Bingo coordinator gets a \$100.00 stipend.

Lettering Program: Jill will be taking over the lettering program – Jill will contact Kathy Ivanca to get all the information to have ready at registration.

A New Board Member is needed to replace Kelly Olson who is moving to Hastings. Kathy will contact Jim Snee. Jessica will contact other possible candidates Heidi Morey and Kari Swigerd after Kathy speaks to Jim.

The Hormel Grant that is submitted each year will be sent in by Christine. She is also pursuing an additional Grant to help offset the sound system. This is a one-time expense that benefits all members of the Club. Kathy will send Christine the detailed information from Mark Bleise so that she can write this in the grant. Other discussion took place regarding other uses for a grant such as help for families with more than one skater, scholarships for beginner skaters. These ideas will be continued to be discussed.

Calendar for 2008-09 at a Glance – (see attached sheet) Please look this and double check the dates to make sure that these match up the best.

The Skating Club Tent sign is still a work in progress. Brenda Boyer and Kathy S. will try to get it operational by September in time for Fall Registration.

Storage Place Needed – Currently our props and show lights are stored in the old Country Market Store (across street from Trimble's). The owner is trying to sell the building so we need to be looking for a future storage place for the lights. If anyone has any suggestions, please let Kathy know.

Motion to Adjourn??? Next Meeting – Sunday, September 7th @ 3:00 pm – Austin Library

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Serratore